

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: P. A. Billing-Medel, *et al.*

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For: REAGENTS AND METHODS
USEFUL FOR DETECTING
DISEASES OF THE
GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT

Examiner: J. Kerr

Group Art Unit: 1633

Case No.: 6067.US.P1

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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated July 6, 2000. Claims 1-6, 11, 15, 17 and 18 are being examined on their merits. This response is accompanied by a request for a two month extension of time which therefore extends the time period for this response from October 6, 2000 to December 6, 2000.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims the claims as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A purified polynucleotide wherein said polynucleotide is selected from the group consisting of [(i)] polynucleotides having [50%] at least 95% identity to SEQUENCE ID NOS. 1-20, 1-8, 10-12, 15-20 and (ii) polynucleotides having 70% identity to SEQUENCE ID NOS. 9, 13 and 14] or complements thereof.